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SUBJECT: STRIKE IN AREQUIPA

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1. STRIKE IN AREQUIPA (REFTEL) CONTINUED APRIL 6 WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUPPORT FROM ABOUT 58 UNIONS. PROTEST SEEKS REPEAL OF RECENT LAW ON LAOBR STABILITY (DL22126), AND REHIRING OF 19 HUNGER STRIKERS FROM THE SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORPORATION'S TOQUEPALA MINE (STAYING AT THE CONVENT OF SAN FRANCISCO IN AREQUIPA) AND 17 NEW HUNGER STRIKERS FIRED FROM COMPANIES IN AREQUIPA (LATTER ARE IN CHURCH OF SANTA CATALINA). STRIKERS ARE ALSO CALLING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR LUSI CISNEROS, AS WELL AS THE MINISTER OF LABOR JOSE GARICA CALDERON.

2. SOME VIOLENCE AND LOOTING REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE IN ONE OF THE TOWN'S MARKET AREAS APRIL 5 AND POLICE USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE THE CROWD (NO RPT NO SERIOUS INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTE). MILITARY HAVE MOVED IN TWO UNITS FROM THE NEARBY BASE IN LAY HOYA AND SMALL GROUPS OF SOLDIERS ARE ON MOST DOWNTOWN STREET CORNERS. MILITARY HAVE REMOVED
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ALL ROADBLOCKS SET UP BY STRIKERS, BUT BOTH BUSES AND TAXIS HAVE PRACTICALLY CEASED TO OPERATE. AIRPORT IS FUNCTIONING BUT TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE CITY IS LIMITED. TRAINS CONTINUE TO RUN BUT SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, BANKS, MOST PLANTS, AND PERHPAS ONE-THIRD OF DOWNTOWN SHOPS ARE CLOSED.

3. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW LONG STRIKE

WILL GO ON. MILITARY OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY THINK AREQUIPA
IS IN FOR A LENGTHY SHUT DOWN, BUT OTHER OBSERVERS EXPECT
A RESOLUTION OF PROTEST EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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